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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2665

Public Notice Date

April 9, 2008

Expiration Date

April 23, 2008

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Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wappapello Lake Project Office, 10992 Highway T, Wappapello, Missouri 63966 (573) 222-8562, has applied to the USACE, St. Louis District, Regulatory Branch for authorization to construct four, 10-foot-wide by 10-foot-deep, rip-rap fishing access areas at the Peoples Creek Recreation Area. Each of the proposed fishing access areas would be constructed of 90 pound riprap and would require 20 tons of riprap placed below elevation 362 NGVD. The lake shoreline in the project area is already covered with a layer of existing riprap. A total of 80 tons of riprap would be discharged below elevation 362 to complete the four fishing access structures. The top of each fishing access area would be at approximate elevation 364 with the surface chocked off with 3-inch limestone. Three of the fishing access structures would be located to the right of the Peoples Creek boat ramp, between the boat ramp and the beach. The fourth would be located to the left of the boat ramp, between the boat ramp and an existing fishing pier. The project purpose is to create additional recreational fishing access areas and to reduce safety concerns. Currently, people sit along the frequently travelled roadway to fish. The proposed fishing access structures would allow individuals better fishing access and a safer area to pursue recreational opportunities. (See Attached Information)

2. By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

3. Based on our initial processing, the action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment. However, a final determination of the need for an environmental impact statement will not be made until the St. Louis District Regulatory Branch has completed its full review of this application. The review will include our evaluation of any written responses received as a result of this public notice.

4. This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

5. The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

6. The St. Louis District Regulatory Branch will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

7. The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, this public notice solicits comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

8. Any interested parties, particularly navigation interests, Federal and state agencies for the protection of environmental and cultural resources, and the officials of any state, town, or local associations whose interest may be affected by this work, are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before **April 23, 2008**. The decision whether to authorize the discharge of rock material below the ordinary high water elevation will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Project authorization will be granted only if it is found not contrary to the public interest.

9. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny authorization for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

10. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 1222 Spruce Street, Attn: OD-F (Frerker), St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833, or by electronic mail to charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil, on or before **April 23, 2008**.

11. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

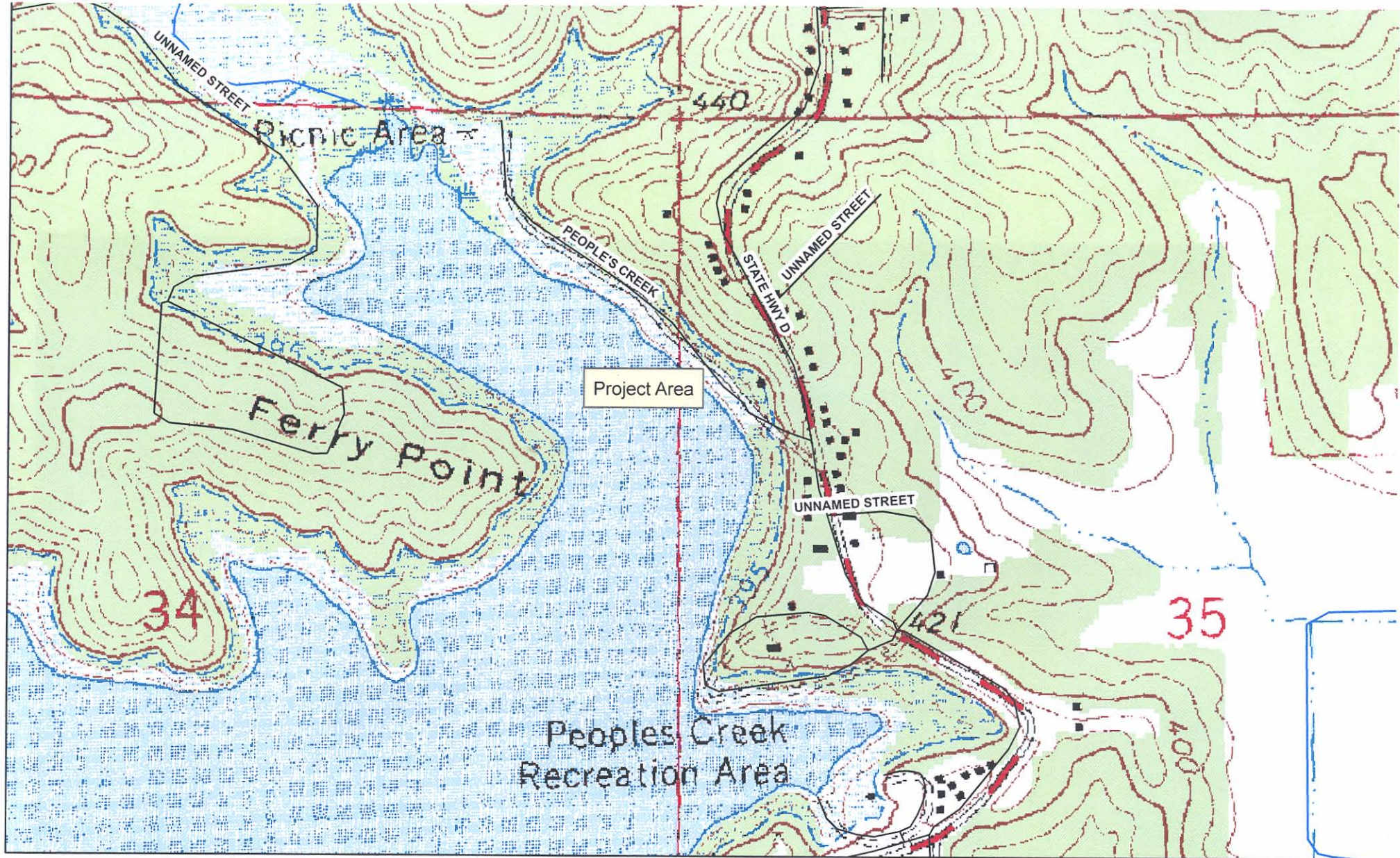


Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually posted for 15 days.



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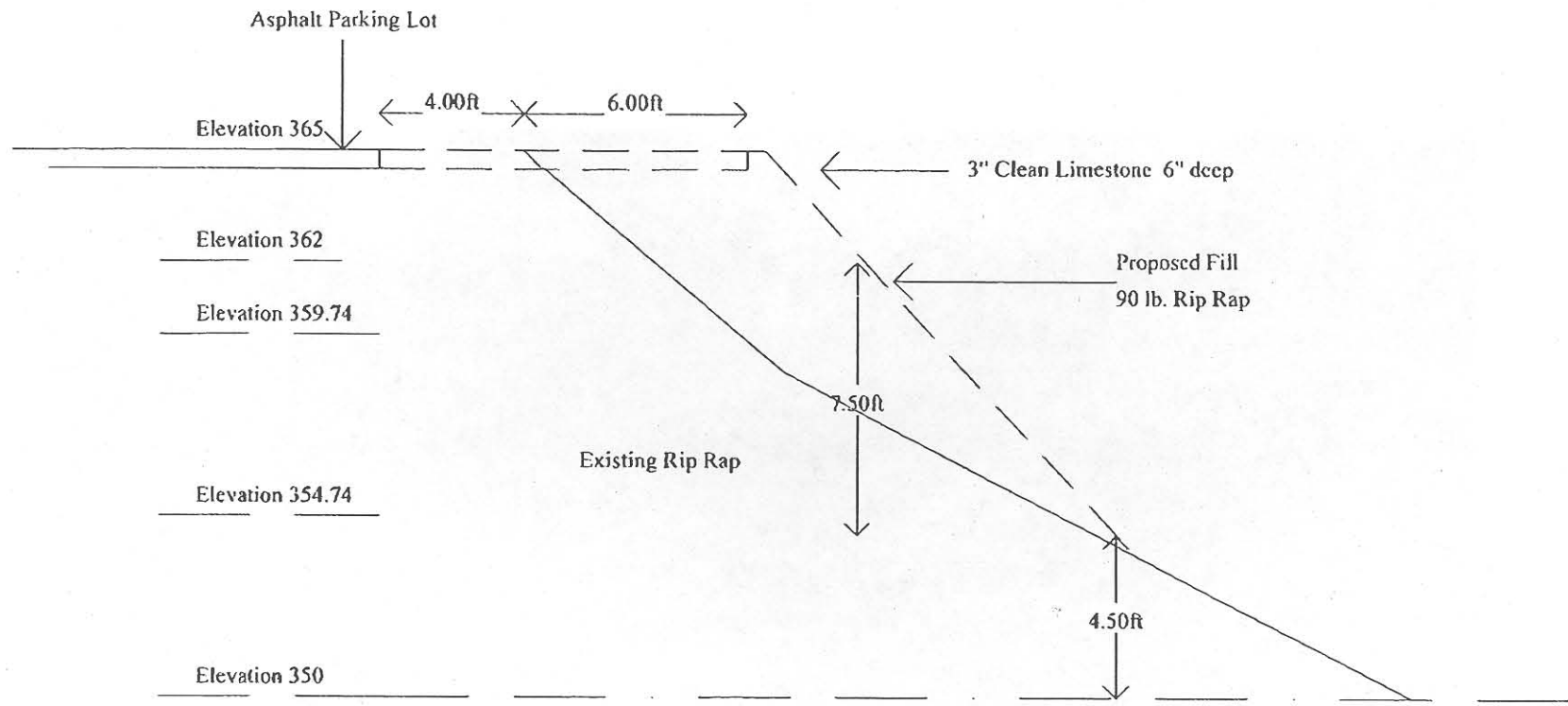
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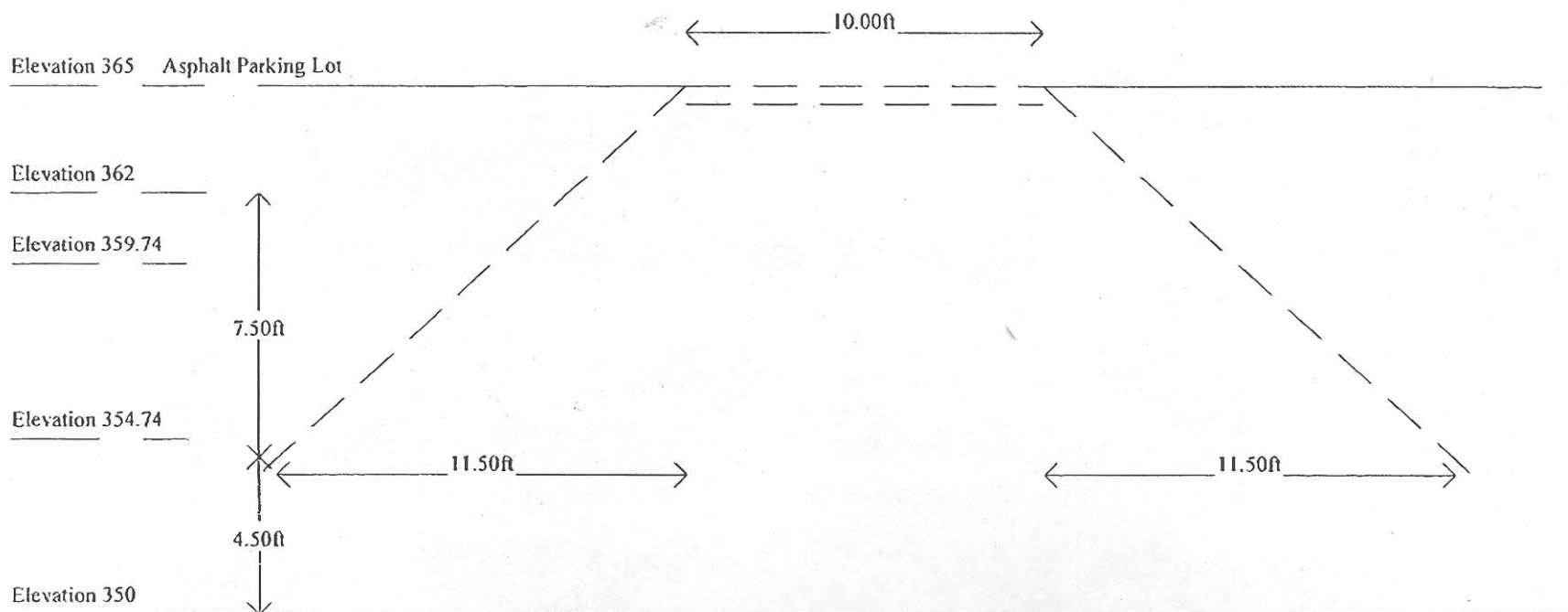
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Side View Peoples Boat Ramp Fishing Area



Front View Peoples Boat Ramp Fishing Area